

democracy depends on them. Carl is one of those people who deserve the Nation's gratitude for his public service as a community activist.

IN MEMORY OF STAFF SGT.
ROBERT J. CHIOMENTO

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great sadness and tremendous gratitude to honor the life of a brave young man, Staff Sgt. Robert J. Chiomento. He died fighting the Taliban on July 17, 2006 in Khwaya Ahmad, Afghanistan, when his patrol encountered enemy forces using rocket-propelled grenades and mortars. Staff Sgt. Chiomento was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Polk, Louisiana. He was supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Every soldier that passes away has a story behind him, and has a family. The news of Staff Sgt. Chiomento's death was relayed to me by his cousin, Thomas Chiomento, my good friend and constituent. Thom remembers his hero cousin as a third-generation who has fought in combat. Their grandfather served as a Marine in the Pacific during World War II and his father served in Vietnam. We must not forget the individual stories of these soldiers who have served our country with courage and honor. Staff Sgt. Chiomento was a brave and gifted soldier who was awarded the Bronze Star, a Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. He was the kind of soldier that boosted our pride in being an American.

Mr. Speaker, Staff Sgt. Robert J. Chiomento exemplified the spirit of service that has made this country great. It is proper to remember and honor a man of such worth and character with great respect for what he stood for. Our pride in Robert shall certainly live on—his life, his courage, his sacrifice and strength of character. The example of his citizenship and dedication to duty will be his enduring legacy. We will not forget his sacrifice. Mr. Speaker, at this time I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring the memory, life and service of Staff Sgt. Robert J. Chiomento—"an American hero," and in sending our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Staci, his two daughters, Ambre and Syleste, his entire family, his friends, and community.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CAROL
WATSON

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. PORTER Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Carol Watson for her service in the United States Marine Corps and subsequent volunteer work.

Carol enlisted in the Marine Corps immediately after graduating high school in 1952. After completing boot camp at Parris Island,

South Carolina and Motor Transport School at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, she was assigned to Washington, DC as a staff car driver. Following her honorable discharge, Carol attended college under the GI Bill and subsequently entered the U.S. Postal Service. While with the Postal Service, Carol's hard work and dedication was recognized as she was promoted to Manager and ultimately Post Master.

Upon retiring from government service in 1992, Carol began a new career in volunteerism. After volunteering for 8 years at the Long Beach California Memorial Hospital and Teaching 55/Alive for AARP, she moved to Las Vegas and continued her work. Carol joined the Women Marine Association and the Women Veterans of Nevada. Her strong desire to assist her fellow veterans also prompted her to join the Veterans Administration (VA) as a Deputy Representative and volunteer at the VA Women's Clinic.

Earlier this year, Carol became the President of the local Sagebrush Chapter of the Women Marine Association and the Area Director for Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Nevada. Some of her duties include recruiting new members nationwide as well as interacting with other volunteer groups. She is also working on fundraisers for the WMA to send packages to Iraq and for veterans here at home.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Carol Watson. Her service to the people of the United States is to be applauded and her subsequent volunteerism is commendable. I thank her for her efforts and wish her the best in future endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF ARMY STAFF SGT.
ERIC CABAN

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the courage of a young hero from my district. On July 19, 2006, the Department of Defense declared that Army Staff Sergeant Eric Caban (United States Army, 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces) died from injuries that he suffered the previous day during a combat reconnaissance patrol in Southern Afghanistan.

A native of Manhattan, NY, Caban moved to Fort Worth with his family when he was 3 years old. A year after graduating from Fort Worth Paschal High School in 1997, Caban enlisted in the Army. His first assignment was with the 75th Ranger Regiment, where he served in a sniper platoon and was a team leader. His first deployment to Afghanistan occurred in October 2001. In that assignment, Caban participated as an airborne ranger who did a combat jump in what is described as an "operation that took the strategically important Kandahar Airfield."

Following his assignment in Afghanistan, Caban left the Army in 2002 to attend the University of Texas at Arlington. However, after a year in college, Caban decided his love was the military and he re-enlisted in 2004. Initially, he was a sniper instructor. He then enrolled in the Special Forces Qualifications Course and in March 2006, became a sergeant in the Special Forces—better known as the Green Berets—and returned to Afghanistan. During his

career he earned the Army Commendation Medal, three Army Achievement Medals and, posthumously, the Bronze Star Medal for valor, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

His family and friends describe Caban as someone who was committed to defending his country and to battling alongside his fellow soldiers. It is these qualities of incredible courage, strength, and pride in serving his country that we see in young heroes like Eric Caban that makes us appreciate the freedoms we enjoy here at home.

I am proud to honor Sergeant Caban's service to the United States of America and to defending freedom around the world. He will not be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO 7TH ANNUAL SUPPLY
OUR STUDENTS CONCERT

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. CUELLAR Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 7TH Annual Supply Our Students Concert, which "will be held on August 2, 2006, in Laredo, Texas.

I commend Judge Danny Valdez, the lead organizer of the Supply Our Students (S.O.S.) Concert for making it one of the most successful fundraising initiatives in providing school supplies to the neediest students in the City of Laredo. He has helped make this concert possible for the past 7 years, and eased the worries of many parents about providing school supplies for the coming school year.

The children we educate today are our future, and we must endeavor to make sure that they are on the path to success by providing them the tools they need in order to accomplish their educational goals. I am proud of the support the community has shown for the Supply Our Students Concert and the involvement of the music industry in making this a successful venture.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had this time to honor the support of the community for the Supply Our Students Concert on August 2, 2006.

RECOGNIZING THAT ON SEP-
TEMBER 11TH AMERICANS
SHOULD HONOR OUR FIRST CALL
RESPONDERS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for the solemn purpose of recognizing the heroic sacrifices and ongoing efforts of America's First Call Responders.

Mr. Speaker, the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001 claimed the lives of hundreds of fire fighters, law enforcement officers and Emergency Medical Services personnel. These First Call Responders have a long history of honorable and selfless service to the United States. This service has continued at a high standard, and these First Call Responders should be commended.

Mr. Speaker, these unsung heroes deserve our recognition for their commitment and personal sacrifice. Their efforts are vital to the peace and well-being of all humanity.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize the sacrifices of America's First Call Responders, and I call on our fellow citizens to join in remembering them this September 11th.

TRIBUTE TO SAINT PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a northern Michigan treasure that has enjoyed a rich legacy of community service and outreach.

Next month, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Marquette, Michigan will celebrate its 150th anniversary. For a century and a half, this local landmark has served as a place of worship for the residents of Marquette and the surrounding communities. The story of St. Paul's, in many ways, parallels the story of Marquette. As the Marquette community grew, so too did St. Paul's Episcopal Church, serving the community's spiritual needs and many of its material needs.

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, or simply St. Paul's as locals call it, can be traced back, in one form or another, to 1851, when a small group of some of the first settlers in Marquette, Michigan began holding services at various sites throughout Marquette. Some of these earliest services were held aboard the steamships *Planet* and *Napoleon* as they were anchored in Marquette's harbor.

In 1856, St. Paul's hired its first rector. The sponsor of the first rector, Charles Trowbridge, stipulated that the rector would hold services each week at Collinsville, a community of 300 people 3 miles north of Marquette. One of Marquette's other early residents, Peter King, took on the challenge of ensuring that the rector arrived in Collinsville each week. This weekly trek occasionally required travel by dog sled.

In August of 1856, St. Paul's Episcopal Church was incorporated into the City of Marquette. Work began on a wooden frame edifice at the location of the present church on Marquette's Ridge Street. Establishing a church in the frontier community of Marquette was a challenge, but the church was assisted by gifts from Episcopal churches in downstate Michigan as well as by gifts from other parishes as far away as New York and Boston.

By 1874, St. Paul's and Marquette were thriving and the church had outgrown its original small frame church. The original St. Paul's structure was purchased by German Lutherans and moved two blocks away. Construction then began on the present-day church. On Christmas, 1875, the new church held its inaugural services. Since that day, St. Paul's has remained a prominent feature of the Marquette community.

In 1907, St. Paul's conceived, financed and built the Guild Hall, a structure that many say was the first community building erected in Marquette. Built under the leadership of the Reverend Bates Burt, the Guild Hall provided

a meeting place for the people of Marquette. The Guild Hall housed a reading room, an assembly room, a stage and recreation facilities including a swimming pool, gymnasium, billiard tables and bowling alley. In the words of Reverend Burt, the Guild Hall was meant to "provide facilities where people could meet and work in a social way, a clubhouse for the Parish where it could do efficient work not once in seven days, but every day."

Today, St. Paul's Episcopal Church remains an important part of the fabric of the Marquette community. The church actively supports Habitat for Humanity and works to provide medical care for the uninsured through the Medical Care Access Coalition. The church operates the Camp New Day Upper Peninsula Program, which provides urban children of residents of the State's penal institutions with a recreational experience in Michigan's north woods. The church has reached out beyond its borders to provide support for at-risk children in places as far away as Honduras, Haiti and the Sudan and to provide an annual market for third world craftspeople.

Mr. Speaker, the spirit and philosophy of St. Paul's Episcopal Church is reflected in its motto: Gathered by Grace; Sent Forth to Serve. Since those early days aboard steamships in Marquette's harbor to its current location at Ridge Street, St. Paul's has lived by that motto, serving as a spiritual foundation and community anchor for the people of Marquette. As its members prepare to celebrate the 150th anniversary of St. Paul's Episcopal Church I would ask, Mr. Speaker, that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in celebrating the church's many contributions to the Marquette community and in paying tribute to the rich historical legacy of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, its members and many acts of faith.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DAN HYDE

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Dan Hyde for his outstanding service to Southern Nevada by coordinating the City of Las Vegas Alternative Fuel Program, which received the 2006 National Innovation Award.

Dan was raised in San Diego, California. He attended and graduated from Clairemont High School in 1967. He then attended San Diego Mesa College; soon afterwards he transferred and continued his studies at San Diego State University. In 1993, while working as the Fleet Manager at the University of California San Diego, he took the Fleet Manager position with the City of Las Vegas. Dan has been the coordinator for the Las Vegas Regional Clean Cities Coalition (LVRCCC) since its inception in 1993, and has been the Executive Director of the LVRCCC since 2000.

The City of Las Vegas' Alternative Fuel Program has been a passion of Dan's since taking the Fleet Manager position. Due to Dan's efforts, the City of Las Vegas is emerging as a leader that has, and is developing an American fuels culture with compressed natural gas, biodiesel, and hydrogen power that is predominantly derived from domestically produced energy sources.

Dan is active in the community and serves on various committees including Chairman of the Regional Transportation Commission's Citizens Advisory Committee, mentor in the National School to Careers Program, the City of Henderson's Senior's Advisory Committee, the Clark County Air Quality Forum and Technical Advisory Sub-Committee, the City of Las Vegas' Air Quality Team, volunteering for the Radio Reading Service with KNPR-FM radio, and is a participant in the PAL Mentoring Program in which his labors resulted in three high school students becoming full time employees.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Dan Hyde on the floor of the House. I commend him for his contributions to the City of Las Vegas and thank him for his continued service to the residents of Southern Nevada.

ON WARNING MECHANICS WORKING ON BRAKES CONTAINING ASBESTOS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I sent the attached letter to the Secretary of OSHA, inquiring about the Asbestos-Automotive Brake and Clutch Repair Work Safety and Health Information Bulletin on July 12, 2005.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

July 10, 2006.

Mr. EDWIN G. FOULKE,
Assistant Secretary, Occupation Safety and Health Administration,
U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC.

DEAR ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOULKE: In 2002, OSHA began work on Asbestos-Automotive Brake and Clutch Repair Work Safety and Health Information Bulletin (SHIB) regarding exposure to asbestos-containing brakes. The Bulletin was completed in 2005. OSHA and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) met to discuss the matter in August 2005, whereupon the draft SHIB was sent to Dan Crane of OSHA for technical review. Mr. Crane gave it a favorable review, agreeing that mechanics should be warned about the health risks of exposure. However, seven months later, the Baltimore Sun reported that OSHA was delaying issuing the SHIB.

When does OSHA intend to issue the SHIB? If the Sun's article is correct, what are the reasons for the delay? Was this decision made by OSHA or OMB? Please provide a copy of any meeting minutes and a list of attendees of the August 2005 meeting between OMB and OSHA. Please also provide any correspondence between OSHA and OMB regarding the SHIB during the time period beginning in 2002, extending to July 10, 2006. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

DENNIS J. KUCINICH,
Member of Congress.

HONORING ENGINE COMPANY NO. 106 OF THE CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT AND 100 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished history of Engine